

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 18, 1998

Present: Bendall, Dumond, Reid, Williams.

Absent: Greiger (arrived at 7:50 p.m.).

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Ron Smith, Treasurer/Assessor; Gary Palmer, Building/Zoning Officer; Judy Horton; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Chief Jeff Hetfield, Fire Department; Keith Johnson; Janet Washburn; Roger Rathbun; Larry Norman; Elwin Fowler; Bill Runyan, Jr.; Larry Runyan; Larry Friess; Arnold Dunchock; Gary Schooley, Park & Recreation Director; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Reid moved, Dumond seconded to approve the May 4, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as presented. Elwin Fowler asked why the minutes in the paper did not mention the discussion that took place about the Corunna Ambulance Service. Mayor Weaver advised the discussion was included in the minutes. He asked if the full minutes were printed in the newspaper. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, the public hearings and motions are the only items printed in the paper due to the costs involved. She further advised Councilperson Williams was looking into the ambulance situation since he is on the Ambulance Board.

Mr. Fowler advised he lives next door to the ambulance service, and when the weather is good, it is like living next door to a car wash. Every person who works there brings their personal cars down to wash and polish. He further advised most of the mileage placed on the ambulances is from driving to restaurants and the Town Tub. The ambulances never leave from the office when they get called out on a run. Mayor Weaver thanked Mr. Fowler for bringing the situation to the council's attention and stated the situation would be looked into.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Bendall, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition under Item No. 7) Consider Proposal for Engineering Services on the Shiawassee Street Bridge.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Williams, Bendall, Dumond, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Reid, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Keith Johnson, 211 Hastings, stated the ladies, who take care of the flowers at the dam site, spend a lot of time working with the flowers, but the grass looks like heck. Whoever mows blows the grass onto the sidewalk and into the flowers. He further stated it takes a little common sense to turn the mower away from the flowers and the sidewalk. He also stated he was a little disappointed in how the city looks. He suggested stopping and picking up debris instead of mowing over it. He further suggested that council should walk around the city and see the problems for themselves.

Larry Norman, 117 N. Norton, asked who reads the water meters. He stated his billing fluctuates from \$33 one month to \$65 the next month and nothing is being done differently. He further stated the rates have increased and are too high. Ms. Hitchcock advised the water rates have not changed in five years. She further advised she would have someone check his meter.

Elwin Fowler, 706 N. Shiawassee, asked how much of a surcharge the City of Owosso charges the city for water. Ms. Hitchcock advised the City of Owosso charges the city a rate per 1,000 gallons for the water that the city purchases. Mr. Fowler asked what portion of the surcharge was charged to the residents. Ms. Hitchcock advised she did not have the figures with her. Mr. Fowler asked if the figures would be available at the next meeting. Ms. Hitchcock advised yes.

Bill Runyan, 118 S. Mizner, asked why the burning ordinance was back on the agenda. He thought the issue was settled at the last meeting. Mayor Weaver advised council would be taking a look at the current ordinance. There were some concerns expressed at the last meeting that need to be looked at or improved such as standardizing the burning hours. Mr. Runyan stated discussion took place at the last meeting that the burning hours would be changed to midnight for campfires. Councilperson Dumond advised the hours could not change under the current ordinance. The ordinance needs to be revised.

Larry Runyan, 409 Cherry, stated he understood there was suppose to be a burning ordinance proposition drawn up and discussed at tonight's meeting. Mayor Weaver stated there would be discussion later on about some of the issues that were brought up at the last meeting. He further stated a recommendation may be made to change the current burning ordinance, and the recommendation would have to be brought to the residents at a public hearing.

Bill Otto, 115 N. Dutcher, stated he has had a bonfire for 14 years, and no one enforced the ordinance until last year. He further stated he has a fire pit and he and his wife watch it and do not let it get out of hand. Councilperson Reid stated hopefully, in a couple of weeks, the residents would not have to worry about it anymore. It would be taken care of.

Larry Runyan, 409 Cherry, suggested amending the burning hours. He stated the burning permit that he received is only good for four days and two of those days are burning days. Mayor Weaver advised council would take a look at the ordinance. Councilperson Dumond stated council wants to clean up the ordinance, not stop everything. Mr. Runyan suggested extending the burning permit to allow recreational campfires.

7:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 98-04 FOR WATER

RATES: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave regular session and go into public hearing for adoption of Ordinance 98-04 for Water Rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Bendall, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Weaver advised the water rates would remain the same for the coming year as in the previous year. Elwin Fowler stated the residents had a right to know how much the surcharge was from Owosso before the ordinance was adopted. He further stated Corunna is paying way too much for water. Larry Norman stated Owosso residents do not pay as much as Corunna does for water. Mr. Fowler stated the Corunna residents should know how much extra they are paying for the water they receive from Owosso. Janet Washburn asked how much the surcharge was. Ms. Hitchcock advised she did could not tell her what the figure was off the top of her head. Mr. Fowler stated his water bill shows he is being charged for one unit or two units, but it does not show how many gallons are used for the month. Ms. Hitchcock advised the water bills do show how many 1,000 gallons are used per month. Ms. Washburn advised she was on the council when the water purchase was negotiated with Owosso. The agreement stated that Corunna residents would pay a little more for water than the Owosso residents do for the same usage. She further stated Owosso had to get something in return for giving Corunna the water. Mr. Fowler stated he understood that the City of Owosso had to get something in return for the water. Ms. Washburn explained when the water was turned on, the rates did not go up, and the city became behind in the amount of money that was taken in versus the amount of money that was paid out. Therefore, a little more money was added to the rates. She further explained there was no such thing as free water. If the water was piped in from Detroit, the residents would have paid a lot more. Larry Norman asked if the difference was paid back yet. Mayor Weaver stated the city was trying to correct past problems and provide quality water to the residents, and it costs a lot of dollars to do it. Councilperson Dumond advised a part of the billing is for sewer. Larry Runyan advised he helped to negotiate the water and a lot of people do not understand that the State of Michigan dictated to the city what they could do. The state would not fund the project because the City of Owosso had a better idea. Bendall moved, Williams seconded to leave the public hearing and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Williams, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:31 p.m.

Bendall moved, Reid seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 98-04 for Water Rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Reid, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:25 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 98-05 FOR SEWER RATES:

Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave regular session and go into public hearing for adoption of Ordinance 98-05 for Sewer Rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Bendall, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:32 p.m.

Larry Norman asked if the sewer rates were going to stay the same. Mayor Weaver advised yes, the sewer rates would remain the same for the coming year as in the previous year.

Larry Runyan asked if council had any plans to separate the storm sewer from the sanitary sewer because the city pays to process storm water. Ms. Hitchcock advised the city was working on those projects now. She further advised the city has a 20-year plan. Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave the public hearing and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Williams, Bendall, Dumond, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:35 p.m.

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 98-05 for Sewer Rates.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Reid, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

7:35 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET ADOPTION: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to leave regular session and go into public hearing for Budget Adoption.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Bendall, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:36 p.m.

Bendall moved, Williams seconded to leave the public hearing and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Williams, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:37 p.m.

Dumond moved, Reid seconded to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The City Charter of the City of Corunna stated that “Not later than the third Monday in May the Council shall, by resolution, adopt the budget for the next fiscal year and shall in such resolution appropriate the money required for such budget and provide for a levy of the amount necessary to be raised by taxes upon real and personal property for municipal purposes....”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget for the City fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998 as recommended by the City Manager and as adopted by the City Council and as described in summary as follows:

	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
General Fund	\$1,383,119	\$1,377,782

be and the same is hereby adopted, and the amount therein provided as recommended; appropriations are hereby appropriated according to the departmental totals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in order to carry out the provisions of the above described budget, the following tax rate shall be applied to the completed assessment roll with a taxable valuation of 42 million, 195 thousand, 438 dollars as required by Michigan Constitution and be applied to all properties subject to the Industrial Facilities Taxes which have a complete assessment roll valuation of 2 million, 149 thousand, 200 dollars at one half the tax rate.

Total City Tax Levy for General Fund Purposes July 1, 1998 = 13.76 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations.

Total City Debt Tax Levy for City Improvements July 1, 1998 = 5.00 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to adopt the following budgets:

INDEPENDENT REVENUE FUNDS

Major Street Fund	202	\$ 117,907
Local Street Fund	203	90,444
Fire Truck Fund	206	800
Cemetery Fund	209	31,845
City Improvements Fund	245	202,500
Library Fund	271	59,900
1996 Equalization Facility Bonds Payable Fund	365	42,083
1996 G.O. Limited Tax-Bonds Fund	366	101,136
1985 Loan Program Fund	391	41,850
Stu Coutts Recreation Fund	419	10,165
Economic Development Fund	420	45,590
Heritage Park Fund	450	416
Library Building Fund	471	900

Waste Water Collection Fund	590	463,700
Water Fund	591	415,400
Motor Vehicle Pool Fund	661	133,100
Pine Tree Perpetual Care	711	5,500
Tax Collections Fund	870	1,923,700

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager as Chief Administrative Officer be allowed to exceed any line item or departmental summation within any specific department or fund including both revenues and expenditures providing that the total end of the year expenditures titled "Total" or "Grand Total" for the department or fund at issue does not exceed the original appropriation, and be allowed to exceed any end of the year expenditure titled "Total" or "Grand Total" to a value less than the amount extra revenues exceed the revenue appropriation, and if the total department or fund appropriation should exceed either of the above prior to such exceeding, the City Council must make a supplemental adjustment to the appropriation. Councilperson Bendall thanked Ms. Hitchcock for the wonderful job she did in balancing the budget this year.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Reid, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER DONATION REQUEST REGARDING PLAYScape: Janet Washburn asked

council for a donation towards the playscape. She advised the city gave a \$2,500 donation to match the Modern Woodman's \$2,500 donation, which was applied towards the \$12,000 needed to get the project started. Ms. Washburn advised the playscape was a \$80,000 project and there were other municipalities who made donations towards the project. She further stated she hoped the City of Corunna would make a donation that would match or exceed the amount one of the other municipalities gave. Councilperson Bendall asked if the request was in addition to the \$2,500 already donated. Ms. Washburn stated yes. She advised any additional monies left over after the bills were paid would be placed in a perpetual care fund. She further advised the project is short about \$7,000. Some of the playscape items came in less, but there were some tools that cost more. She also advised the amount raised to date was \$72,000. Ms. Washburn stated a sponsor was needed for a slide, which costs \$3,000. The City of Owosso sponsored the castle for \$3,500. She further stated the money requested was not budgeted and would have to come out of the reserve fund that is there for something. Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Washburn for her presentation and the members of the Zonta Club for all of the hard work in making the project a success. He asked if it was possible for the Zonta Club to stay in close touch with the city and if they find the funding was still short, maybe something could be done at that time. Councilperson Dumond stated there are a couple of other projects in the city that need to be addressed and there is not enough money to go around. Councilperson Bendall stated council was told that whatever the Zonta Club raised would be the cut off. She further stated she would like to see the city involved in the perpetual fund. Ms. Washburn stated when the project was proposed, it was made clear that the Zonta Club would do maintenance once a year. The

city would be responsible for the maintenance every day of the week. She further stated she felt it was a little strange that other municipalities are giving more money than what the city has given. She also stated she had hoped that Corunna would sponsor a component in addition to the money donated towards the blueprints. The project would not have the twisty slide.

Greiger arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Bill Runyan advised he sees a lot of kids at his business and no one has picked up his donation bucket yet and there is a lot of money in it. He further advised every kid who looks at the bucket has said the project looks really neat. He also advised it is something the community needs, and the city should support it. Gary Schooley stated the city has given a lot more than \$2,500. When you consider the amount of time the city employees have spent, you would find that this city has given more than any other community. Councilperson Bendall advised the city employees would be down there working. Councilperson Dumond stated the council was being condemned for trying to maintain a balanced budget. Ms. Washburn stated she was not saying that the city or community has not been behind the project. Mayor Weaver asked council what they wanted to do. He advised Ms. Washburn that he did not sense a motion coming from council to offer a financial contribution. Mayor Weaver asked Ms. Washburn to please come back to council at a later date if the funding was short in order to readdress the issue. The playscape donation request died due to the lack of a motion.

7:45 P.M. HEARING CONCERNING AN UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURE AT 119

E. MACK STREET: Gary Palmer brought council up-to-date in detail concerning an unsafe and dangerous structure located at 119 E. Mack Street. He read Section 14-138 (a-e) from the Zoning Ordinance. Arnold Dunchock stated the city had some serious problems of notice. Notice was not provided to the property owners of record. Mayor Weaver asked Mr. Dunchock if he was not the property owner. Mr. Dunchock stated it was the city's problem to solve. He further stated a notice was sent to his wife at her work location. In 1992, no reference was made to his wife. Mr. Dunchock asked if Mr. Striggow and Mr. Hall were in attendance. He stated he did not see them and asked if the meeting was a kangaroo court. He further stated the council was being asked to act on something in 1998 that started in 1992. Mr. Dunchock asked what happened between 1992 and 1998. He further asked how the structure was a danger and to whom it was a danger. Mr. Dunchock stated he has contacted Mr. Palmer for the past two years with a plan to move the house. He further stated he had two purchase agreements, and he asked Mr. Palmer to check out the property. Mr. Palmer told him one lot was not good enough, and he never got a response about the other location. He also stated he has tried to solve the problem in the last couple of years. Mr. Dunchock stated he would like to move and repair the house. He further stated he came to city hall to find out what needs to be done to move the house, and he got no response. He also stated he had two witnesses present, Ken Fleming (a builder) and Vickie Hicks, who have been inside the house and would testify that the structure is sound. Councilperson Greiger asked how the house could be moved if there was an ownership question and when the house would be moved. Mr. Dunchock stated the ownership question was just to show

notice, and it was not properly given. Councilperson Greiger asked how long the house move would take. Mr. Dunchock advised Ms. Hitchcock had given him the most help, but he needs to find out what he needs to do and the costs before he could move the house. He further advised the house would be moved by summer. Councilperson Reid asked Mr. Dunchock if he had a location to move the house to. Mr. Dunchock stated yes, he did.

Councilperson Bendall asked Mr. Dunchock if he had a house moving contractor. Ken Fleming stated yes, Williams House Moving. Councilperson Bendall asked Mr. Dunchock if he had an estimate to move the house. Mr. Dunchock stated he has had discussions with the house mover. Mr. Palmer advised his report states the house has to be made safe or it would be demolished. He further advised he had no objection to moving the house, but the city does not want the house moved to another lot and have it sit there for another six years in its present condition. He also advised Mr. Dunchock has been told many times what he needs to do, but he has never submitted a site drawing. Mayor Weaver asked if a formal application was received to either move or to renovate the house. Mr. Palmer advised Mr. Dunchock has made a formal application to cross the bridge, but no moving permit has been applied for. Councilperson Reid asked if the lot Mr. Dunchock was looking at would meet the requirements. Mr. Palmer advised Mr. Dunchock told him that he had a lot and he was asked to present a survey or site drawing. He further advised he could not make a determination if the house would fit on the lot without a site drawing. Mr. Palmer stated council needed to take action on the report. The report states either make the house safe or the city will demolish it. He further stated no maintenance has been done to the house for the past five years to make it safe, and it is time to move forward.

Councilperson Williams left at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Weaver asked for Mr. Palmer's recommendation. Mr. Palmer stated council should make a motion to accept the Hearing Officer's Report and to do as the report states, which is make the house safe or demolish it. Councilperson Reid stated accepting the report would force a clean up. The garage would be torn down and moving the house would be better. He asked if the house would fit on the vacant lot Mr. Dunchock was looking at. Mr. Dunchock advised yes. Councilperson Greiger stated the motion should include a timely deadline to either make the house safe or to move it. Mr. Palmer advised the Hearing Officer's determination could be modified to include a deadline. Councilperson Reid asked Mr. Dunchock if he was financially able to take care of the house once it is moved. Mr. Dunchock advised yes, the changes would be made to the house after it is moved. Chief Mark Hetfield advised the police department has gone to the house several times after school lets out in the afternoon. Kids are in the house because the doors are not secure. Mr. Dunchock stated the doors were secure now. Mayor Weaver asked for a motion pertaining to the house located at 119 E. Mack. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to proceed with the court proceedings to have the house located at 119 E. Mack Street demolished and cleaned up. Councilperson Greiger stated she would like the motion to include a brief timeline to either bring the house up to code or move it. Mayor Weaver asked her if she wanted to amend the motion before council. Councilperson Greiger advised yes. Councilperson Bendall advised Councilperson Greiger could not amend the motion that was before council.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Bendall.

No: Reid, Greiger.

Motion DENIED

Greiger moved, Reid seconded to proceed with the court proceedings to address the house at 119 E. Mack Street in 60 days if the house was not brought up to code and in a safe manner or moved. Councilperson Reid stated there were things that could be done to show that something was being done with the house.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Greiger, Weaver.

No: Bendall, Dumond.

Motion CARRIED

Mr. Palmer advised a court hearing date would be set within the next 30 days. If council does not make a decision on the Hearing Officer's report, the city could be starting the process all over again. He further advised it was time to bring the issue to an end and let the courts determine if the city has been fair. Mayor Weaver advised there was a tie vote on the motion before council and the responsibility of the mayor in a tie vote situation is to break the tie vote. He further advised he would vote in favor of the second motion to proceed with court proceedings in 60 days if the house is not brought up into a safe manner or moved. Mayor Weaver stated he would like to see some good faith effort shown immediately by taking care of the outbuildings and by mowing the property. He further stated the city would like to see some action plans within the next 60 days. Ms. Hitchcock asked Mr. Dunchock if he had all of the information he needed. Mr. Dunchock stated no, he would meet with whomever tomorrow or the next day to get things going. Ms. Hitchcock advised Mr. Dunchock he still had to have a site plan.

CONSIDER LOT SPLIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 220 JOHN STREET: Mayor Weaver advised the Planning Commission has recommended that the property located at 220 John Street be split. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the lot split located at 220 John Street.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Greiger, Reid, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – SHIAWASSEE STREET

STREETSCAPE AND SHIAWASSEE STREET BRIDGE: Bendall moved, Greiger seconded to accept the proposal for engineering services from Capital Consultants for the Shiawassee Street Streetscape in the amount of \$5,000. Councilperson Dumond asked if the proposal was something that the Downtown Development Authority should do. Ms. Hitchcock advised no, not at this point because this is for design work. The Downtown Development Authority does not have the funding for it. She further stated if the city did

not do it, it would not be done. The Downtown Development Authority has requested that it be brought to council for consideration. Councilperson Bendall asked where the monies would be taken from. Ms. Hitchcock advised the monies would be taken out of the General Fund Public Works.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Greiger, Reid, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Ms. Hitchcock explained the Shiawassee Street Bridge proposal was for preparing the Critical Bridge funding request. The city was presently on the Critical Bridge funding list, but it was put at a lower level because of a misconception within the Michigan Department of Transportation that they would take over N. Shiawassee Street and make it a state highway. She further explained resubmitting the request would put the city on a higher level and would make it clear that it is the city's responsibility, and the state would not be taking the street over anytime soon. She explained the proposal also includes the regular bridge inspection that is required every two years. Reid moved, Dumond seconded to accept the proposal for engineering services from Capital Consultants for the Shiawassee Street Bridge in the amount of \$1,600.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Greiger, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

DISCUSSION REGARDING JOINT MEETINGS OF ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Weaver stated he has suggested having a joint meeting with all of the boards and commissions. He further stated his objective was to have the chairman of each board or commission do a four to five minute presentation on what their boards and commissions have done in the past, what their current concerns are, and what their future objectives are. He proposed having the joint meeting take place in June. Councilperson Bendall stated she would like to see the boards or commissions discuss this at their meetings first and then have a joint meeting in July. Mayor Weaver asked if the whole idea would be a waste. Councilperson Greiger stated no, she would like to know what is going on. Mayor Weaver asked if it would be better to have the meeting in the fall. Councilperson Dumond advised it would be better to have the meeting in the fall, summer vacations would be out of the way. Councilperson Bendall advised Tuesday night would be best. Mayor Weaver advised he would get with the city manager and the city clerk to come up with a specific date.

DISCUSSION ON BURNING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Mayor Weaver stated after the last meeting, it was pointed out that the present burning ordinance needed to be revised. Councilperson Greiger stated there are a lot of good parts in the ordinance. She further stated she liked the definitions of what would be illegal to burn and the consistent burning hours. She also stated she would like to see the campfire hours extended. Councilperson Dumond stated he would like to see the size of the campfires restricted and what could be burned in them. He further stated he liked the idea of having closed containers for burning. Mayor Weaver stated the burning hours currently change with the seasons. He further stated it was his consensus that people wanted to see the burning hours remain the same every day.

and go later at night. Larry Runyan stated the 4:00 to 8:00 burning hours do not work for someone that works second shift. Roger Rathbun suggested changing the hours to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The hours would accommodate the first and second shift workers. He further stated the burning of brush did not need to burn until midnight. He also stated midnight is fine for a recreational fire in an approved pit. Larry Runyan asked what an approved pit was. Councilperson Dumond stated it was defined in the ordinance with no time limit or days restrictions. Councilperson Bendall stated it would accommodate the second shift people who want to sit around a fire. Larry Runyan suggested making it two different issues: trash burning and recreational fires. Councilperson Bendall stated council was addressing the two issues. Mr. Runyan stated every ward is different. He suggested appointing two people from each ward to the committee so each side was represented. Councilperson Greiger stated she personally hates the smell of burning leaves. She further stated there is a smell ordinance, and she would call the police. Chief Hetfield stated she could not do that. Councilperson Greiger stated she would do it. Mayor Weaver stated the burning hours was an area that needed to be reviewed and addressed. He asked what other areas in the ordinance should be amended. Councilperson Dumond stated a separation between recreational burning and trash burning was needed. Ms. Hitchcock asked if the definition that was proposed for recreational burning was satisfactory. Councilperson Greiger stated yes. Councilperson Dumond stated yes, a two foot circle was sufficient and no processed wood could be burned. Chief Hetfield stated he would like to see a midnight cut off time for recreational burning. It would be an enforcement nightmare for the police department. Larry Runyan stated the length of the permit for recreational burning should be changed. He further stated the fire chief and assistant chief work full-time and if he comes to city hall to pick up a permit, there is nobody there to issue one. Jeff Hetfield advised under the Department of Natural Resources laws he was not required to write a permit to allow burning outside of the scheduled burning days and times. Councilperson Dumond asked if council had the authority to make the permit extension. Mr. Hetfield advised he checked with the Department of Natural Resources, and they recommend writing a two-day permit, and he writes the permits for four days. Larry Runyan stated a two-foot area was not going to get it. He has a four by four slab in his back yard and it is appropriate to keep a fire under control. Mayor Weaver stated he did not think the issue would be resolved at the meeting and suggested taking the information that was received under advisement.

DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC CONTROL: Elwin Fowler advised the police department was doing a good job on Shiawassee Street and Corunna Avenue. Councilperson Dumond advised the police department got two people on State Street. Councilperson Greiger asked Chief Hetfield if a speed study was needed. Chief Hetfield stated no, he did not think a speed study was needed at this time. Ms. Hitchcock stated council had to understand the cost that would be involved. Councilperson Greiger advised she did. Roger Rathbun advised people are not staying on their side of the road at the curve on Comstock Street and King Street. He suggested painting a white centerline. Mayor Weaver thanked everyone for their comments.

CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS: Bendall moved, Reid seconded to leave regular session and go into closed session for labor negotiations.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Reid, Greiger, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:29 p.m.

Bendall moved, Greiger seconded to leave the closed session and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Bendall, Reid, Greiger.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 10:00 p.m.

Dumond moved, Greiger seconded to approve the amendment to Administrative Policy #023 effective May 18, 1998 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Greiger, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

ADJOURN: Dumond moved, Greiger seconded to adjourn. Ms. Hitchcock advised the pre-council time had always been set for 6:30 p.m. She asked council if they were agreeable in changing the time as determined by the agenda. Mayor Weaver advised he wanted it on record that Councilperson Williams did make it known to council that he had to leave early.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Greiger, Dumond, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 10:01 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK